

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION BY)	ORDER APPROVING TARIFF
NORTHWESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE)	REVISIONS
COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF REVISIONS)	
TO ITS NATURAL GAS AND ELECTRIC)	GE98-003
TARIFFS CONCERNING MODIFICATION OF)	
ITS CUSTOMER BILL)	

On October 22, 1998, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from Northwestern Public Service Company (NWPS) requesting approval of changes in its tariff sheets for both the Gas and Electric Tariff Section. The application stated: "NWPS has adopted a new logo for the company. NWPS wishes to put the new logo on its bill. NWPS has also made some minor wording changes in its continuing effort to make its bill more understandable by the customers." The proposed Section tariff sheets in the gas rate book and the electric rate book affect all customers of NWPS. NWPS filed the following tariff sheets:

Electric

6th Revised Sheet No. 1
4th Revised Sheet No. 1.1

First Page of Bill
Reverse Side of Bill

Gas

6th Revised Sheet No. 1
4th Revised Sheet No. 1.1

First Page of Bill
Reverse Side of Bill

At its regularly scheduled meeting of November 3, 1998, the Commission discussed final approval of the application. Commission Staff recommended approval of the tariff revisions.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A, specifically 49-34A-6, 49-34A-8, 49-34A-11, 49-34A-12, and 49-34A-25. The Commission finds the tariff changes are just and reasonable and approved the revised tariffs. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED that NWPS' aforementioned tariffs are approved and shall be effective for service on and after November 16, 1998.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 9th day of November, 1998.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.
By: <u><i>Aldine Kaelo</i></u>
Date: <u>11/10/98</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

James A. Burg
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

Pam Nelson
PAM NELSON, Commissioner

Laska Schoenfelder
LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner